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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2358.

(*Translation.*)

CHINESE residents are reminded that this is the season of the year when thefts and robberies are rife. The efforts of the Police to prevent them must, however, be aided by the public: in this connexion two points are to be noted: (1) All should take reasonable care to close doors and windows when possible especially towards evening, and to avoid opening doors carelessly to all comers: dwellers in alleyways should not encourage the passage of hawkers and loiterers. (2) As to robberies the arrest of the assailants is difficult unless the persons robbed boldly call for assistance, instead of tamely submitting to what are often empty threats. By this means the efforts of the Police will be materially aided and larceny of all kinds will be stamped out.

Certain persons are approaching merchants and residents with a view to extortion. This is to notify that the Council is taking constant precautions as usual to preserve order, and that inside the Settlement there will not be the least modification of standing procedure affecting peaceable Chinese residents. They need suffer no alarm.

All classes and conditions should note that no uncertain state of affairs in distant places beyond the limits of the Settlement in any way affects the possession by all law-abiding Chinese residents in the said Settlement of their rights, privileges and immunities, and that anyone attempting by force or threat or other form of compulsion to interfere with any such resident in the pursuit of his lawful business, or by force, or threat or other form of compulsion to induce any such resident to subscribe to the funds of any political party or society, will on detection be arrested and punished as a lawbreaker.

If anybody attempts to molest or intimidate any resident or merchant in the Settlement, or attempts the extortion of money or valuables, or commits similar abuses, immediate information should be given by the concerned to the nearest Police Station or to any member of the Council with a statement of the circumstances in detail, whereupon his assailant will forthwith be arrested and the case brought before the Mixed Court for investigation and severe punishment without the least leniency. Warning is duly given. Let all obey.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 31, 1916.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2360.

TAVERN LICENCES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Watch Committee will sit on Friday, March 31, to decide upon the number and locality of Foreign Taverns to be licensed during the ensuing year.

Applications for new licences, upon the form obtainable at the Tax Office, must be forwarded to the undersigned before March 14.

Thereafter, by public notification, an opportunity will be afforded to Ratepayers to protest against or support before the Committee the issue or renewal of any licence.

No fresh licences will be issued during the twelve months ensuing and until the next annual sitting of the Committee.

By order,
J. B. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 17, 1916.

AT the eleventh meeting of the Special Electricity Committee held on Monday, January 31, 1916, at 4 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. E. F. Mackay (*Chairman*)
C. M. Bain
E. F. Bateman
A. W. Burkill
C. Holliday
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. W. P. Lambe
E. S. Little
E. C. Pearce
P. Peebles
J. H. Teesdale
A. S. P. White-Cooper
C. W. Wrightson
L. Hutchinson (*Secretary*)

Absent:
Messrs. D. W. Bell
J. E. Bingham
E. I. Ezra
F. A. Fairchild
S. J. Halse
A. Hide
A. Ishii
J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
S. S. Sellick

The meeting adjourned at 7.5 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Library Committee held on Friday, February 11, 1916, at 5 o'clock p.m., there were:—

Present:
Rev. C. E. Darwent (*Chairman*)
Rev. Dr. D. MacGillivray
Mr. A. S. Wilson

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

AT the twelfth meeting of the Special Electricity Committee held on Monday, February 14, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. E. F. Mackay (*Chairman*)
C. M. Bain
E. F. Bateman
A. W. Burkill
C. Holliday
A. Ishii
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. W. P. Lambe
E. S. Little
E. C. Pearce
J. H. Teesdale
A. S. P. White-Cooper
C. W. Wrightson
L. Hutchinson (*Secretary*)

Absent:
Messrs. D. W. Bell
J. E. Bingham
E. I. Ezra
F. A. Fairchild
S. J. Halse
A. Hide
J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie
W. L. Merriman
P. Peebles
S. S. Sellick

The meeting adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Band Committee held on Tuesday, February 15, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. F. J. Burrett (*Chairman*)
R. Lundt

Absent:
Mr. J. Johnstone

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 16, 1916, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
E. I. Ezra
A. Hide
Count L. Jezierski
Messrs. W. L. Merriman
A. S. P. White-Cooper

Absent:
Messrs. A. Ishii
J. Johnstone
C. G. S. Mackie

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock p.m.

Volunteer Corps.

Artillery.—Upon the recommendation of the Commandant a commission as 2nd-Lieutenant is authorised for issue to Mr. A. J. Stewart.

Maxim Company.—The resignation of 2nd-Lieutenant F. R. Ormston has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

Austro-Hungarian Company.—The resignation of Captain F. E. Sonntag has been forwarded by the Commandant and accepted by the Council with regret.

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Traffic.

Bubbling Well and Carter Roads.—The Captain-Superintendent reports that accidents have frequently occurred at the corner of Bubbling Well and Carter Roads, and that the present stopping place is found to occasion danger both to vehicular traffic and to passengers alighting from the cars. It has accordingly been decided to remove to the Carter Road the stopping place for trams bound westwards and to erect a traffic island at the corner of the Bubbling Well and Carter Roads upon which a lighting standard will be placed.

Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.

The previous suggestion recorded in the correspondence published in the Gazette of April 8, 1915, that the question of gas supply for both public and private use might receive the attention of the Special Electricity Committee, has not been favourably entertained; and an exchange of views is therefore in progress between the Works Committee and the Directors of the Company in accordance with the subjoined letters :—

Shanghai, January 7, 1916.

My Dear Pearce,—The time has arrived when I ought again to approach you in regard to the Gas Company's affairs, with the object of arriving at some definite conclusion as to what should be done in a matter of grave importance to the community.

The typhoon of last summer resulted in the total darkening of practically the whole of the outlying roads except such as were gas lit, for a matter of some eight nights.

From the correspondence which has appeared in the local Press, and from the opinion which was freely expressed in many places, it is apparent that the Ratepayers have, at last, become aware of the danger threatening the Settlement, so long as only one form of lighting is relied upon.

The advocates of a dual system of street lighting – and by dual system is meant gas and electric light in all our roads – have the strong support of Mr. Preece, who on several occasions expressed the opinion that a dual system of public lighting is necessary in any large town and that the peculiar circumstances of Shanghai, rendered it absolutely essential here.

That there *is* a very grave danger in the sudden failure of the public lighting, either by reason of storm or riot, would appear to be sufficient reason for the Council now seriously considering the question of a very considerable extension of the gas lighting in our streets and roads.

In view of this it would seem that the time has come for the Council to take the whole supply of street lighting into its own hands and to ensure the public safety, so far as lies in its power, by putting the two lighting undertakings upon an equal footing.

With this end in view, it is now suggested that the Municipal Council should acquire the gas undertaking, and with a view to opening negotiations it is suggested that some person or persons mutually agreed upon by the Council and the Gas Company should be appointed to value the gas undertaking and advise the Council and the Gas Company as to the fair value of the gas undertaking to the Ratepayers.

Such advice would, of course, be considered only as advice and not in any way as of the nature of an Arbitration Award.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
E. Jenner Hogg

E. C. Pearce, Esq.

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 14, 1916.

My Dear Hogg,—I thank you for your letter of January 7 to which together with my colleagues, I have given consideration. The Special Electricity Committee, as you are aware, have not been disposed to concur in the suggestion which I made to you in my letter of April 6 that your previous representations should be the subject of their attention. The Council's Works Committee has undertaken to examine the possibilities of developing the use of gas lighting for public purposes concurrently with Electricity. It would, therefore, be well to arrange an exchange of views, at a meeting, between the members and one of your directors representing the Company.

Your proposal as to the acquisition of the Company by the Council is, we are sure, entirely beyond the scope of practical realisation.

Yours sincerely,
E. C. Pearce,
Chairman.

E. Jenner Hogg, Esq.

Shanghai, January 25, 1916.

My Dear Pearce,—I have to thank you for your letter of 14th inst. which I laid before our Board.

We shall be very pleased to follow your suggestion as to meeting the Works Committee for an exchange of views as to the possibilities of developing the use of gas lighting for public purposes concurrently with Electricity.

I propose to meet the Members of the Works Committee, accompanied by our Engineer, and I shall feel much obliged if you can tell me how next we should proceed so as to get to work.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
E. Jenner Hogg.

E. C. Pearce, Esq.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Eastern District Road Names.—The majority of place-names of Indian origin which were almost entirely adopted for projected roads in this District some years ago, have been the subject of a report by the Engineer tending to show that they are unwieldy, and unlikely ever to come into use among the Chinese residents. The majority of these names are not adaptable for transposition into Chinese characters on a phonetic basis, and the result is generally a meaningless and disconnected series of Chinese sounds. As there are many simple Chinese place-names distinctive from those at present in use, the Works Committee has strongly advocated their adoption, while the roads are still in an undeveloped state, and this arrangement has been approved. The appended list shows the discarded names and those now to be adopted :—

Old Name.	*New Name.*	
Aigun Road	Chining Road	(路寧齊)
Agra Road	Chinsha Road	(路沙金)
Bangkok Road	Funing Road	(路寧福)
Benares Road	Haichow Road	(路州海)
Bombay Road	Hochien Road	(路間河)
Calcutta Road	Holung Road	(路龍馬)
Cawnpore Road	Kueiyang Road	(路陽桂)
Colombo Road	Kwangchow Road	(路州廣)
Delhi Road	Kwanghsin Road	(路信廣)
Formosa Road	Kweilin Road	(路林桂)
Kabul Road	Liangchow Road	(路州涼)
Kandahar Road	Linching Road	(路青臨)
Kandy Road	Liping Road	(路平麟)
Karachi Road	Meichow Road	(路州眉)
Lahore Road	Ningkuo Road	(路國寧)
Lucknow Road	Ningwu Road	(路武寧)
Madras Road	Pingliang Road	(路涼平)
Mysore Road	Pingting Road	(路定平)
Pahang Road	Pingyang Road	(路陽平)
Poona Road	Poyang Road	(路陽鄱)
Quetta Road	Sungpan Road	(路潘松)
Saigon Road	Tanyang Road	(路陽丹)
Samarang Road	Tengyueh Road	(路越騰)
Sandakan Road	Tinghai Road	(路海定)
Simla Road	Tongting Road	(路庭銅)
Tokio Road	Wuting Road	(路定武)

Electricity Department.

Cast Iron Joint Boxes.—Reporting on the result of the tenders received under Specification No. 143, the Electrical Engineer draws attention to the marked discrepancy between the lowest tender, Tls. 3,680, and the highest, Tls. 118,720, and indicates the failure of the two highest bidders to correctly understand the Specification. The third tender approximates the Departmental estimate, Tls. 6,300. In view of the prevailing price of cast iron, performance of the work for the amount of the lowest tender, that of Kien Cheong at Tls. 3,680, would be impossible. The Electrical Engineer has accordingly arranged that this contractor shall acquire a sufficient stock of material at once, and his amended tender Tls. 5,300 has been accepted.

Public Lighting.

Central Suspension.—It has been decided, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, to continue the central suspension of metallic filament lamps on roads where well-grown trees interfere with the efficiency of the lighting. Instructions have, therefore, been given to suspend centrally the lamps in the following roads at an additional cost of Tls. 655 per annum :—

Baikal Road between Yangtszepoo and Macgregor Roads	5
Chaoufoong Road, north of East Yuhang Road	4
Chusan Road between Ward and Wayside Roads	2
Lay Road	15
Ward Road, east of Thorburn Road	9
Wayside Road, west of MacGregor Road	6

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Ferry Road between Sinza and Bubbling Well Roads	7
Gordon Road between Ichang and Penang Roads	11
Hart Road between Great Western and Nanyang Roads	3
Ichang Road between West Soochow and Ferry Roads	14
Jessfield Road between St. John's College and Brenan Road	10
Love Lane	5
Markham Road between Medhurst and Sinza Roads	7
Mohawk Road between Bubbling Well and Taku Roads	9
Nanyang Road	8
Robison Road between Gordon and West Soochow Roads	3
Seymour Road between Weihaiwei and Great Western Roads	3
Seymour Road between Sinza and Bubbling Well Roads	10
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Municipal Staff.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ORDER BOOKS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

Police Force.—The service of Constable M. J. Colleary will terminate on February 17, the date of expiry of his agreement.

Sikh Warder No. 111, Mehar Singh, is discharged, invalided, with effect from February 2.

Public School for Girls.—Seven months leave is granted to Miss E. Hutchison, Assistant Mistress, from May 1.

Thomas Hanbury School for Boys.—The service of Miss B. Harding, Assistant Mistress, will terminate on February 29.

Tax Office.—The appointment of Collector E. H. Solly is confirmed with effect from November 1, 1915.

Voluntary War Service.—

Police Force.—Constable H. Young, on long leave, has availed himself of the provisions of the arrangement contained in the Gazette of October 15, 1914.

Public Band.

The attendance on Sunday, February 13, numbered 643.

On Sunday next, February 20, at 4.30 p.m., the programme will be as follows:—

1.—(*a*) Malagueña } Moszkowski
(*b*) Serenata }
2.—Selection "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni
3.—Fantasia 'Rigoletto" Bassi
Clarinet-Solo: Mr. EHMANN

4.—(*a*) Sketch "In the Steppes of Central Asia" Borodin
(*b*) Komarinskaja Glinka
5.—Prelude "Parsifal" } Wagner
6.—Selection "Die Meistersinger } Wagner
(*a*) Introduction to the 3rd Act
(*b*) Dance of the apprentices
(*c*) Entrance of the Mastersingers
Conductor, Professor R. BUCK.

Return of Communicable Disease.

Reported during the week ending Sunday, February 13, 1916.	Cases notified among Foreign resident population of 18,520	Deaths among Chinese resident population of 620,400
Small-pox	0	1
Cholera	0	0
Typhoid Fever	1	—
Diphtheria	1	1
Scarlet Fever	0	2
Tuberculosis	2	14
Plague	0	0
Dysentery	2	2
Total Deaths from all Causes	7	140

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
162	Kiukiang	S. A. Hardoon	addition to house
79	Peking	do.	do.
1457	Mohawk	Davies & Brooke	race stand
4842 4843	West Soochow	Hsu Fu Ching	2 godowns
			Chinese
79	Ningpo	S. A. Hardoon	alterations & additions to house
Unreg. W of 1660	Tongshan	China Dyeing Works Ld.	15 houses
1025	Chengtu & Sinza	Tsing Chenkee	47 houses, etc.
4842 4843	West Soochow	Hsu Fu Ching	19 houses and boundary wall

Fire Brigade Report for January.

The total number of calls to fires, or supposed fires, during the month was 17, as against 27 for the corresponding month last year. The damage to Foreign buildings and contents cannot as yet be ascertained, but the damage to Chinese property is estimated at Tls. 5,000. The estimated value of property at risk in Foreign and Chinese buildings during the month was Tls. 108,000 and Tls. 30,500 respectively. The damage to property through fire during January 1915 was Tls. 117,300.

The calls were received as follows:—

Watch towers	5
Police	5
Telephones	5
Street alarms	2

The general alarm was given on 6 occasions, the remaining 11 being Station calls.

The calls proved to be 2 medium sized fires, 11 small fires, 2 false alarms and 2 fires outside the Settlement.

The supposed causes of these fires are as follows:—

Sparks or embers from stove	3
Defective flue or grate	3
Candle or lamp upset	2
Lighted match or cigarette end	1
Naked light	1
Oil boiling over	1
Ignition of petrol	1
Unknown	1

The premises affected were:—

Foreign buildings	6
Chinese buildings	17

Eight houses were destroyed by fire and six damaged by smoke, fire and water. The water used at fires during the month was 183,490 gallons. The Brigade was occupied 10 hours and 10 minutes at fires, or supposed fires, and the staff was employed for a further 52½ hours watching and damping down.

There were only two fires of any note during the month, i.e., the Chung Hwa Book Godown and East Yuhang Road, the former being a foreign building occupied by a Chinese firm, and the latter of Chinese construction and occupation. During the 30 days prior to the Chinese New Year's Day the loss on Chinese buildings for this year was Tls. 5,000, as against Tls. 19,450 for 1915 (5 fires over Tls. 500), Tls. 23,150 for 1914 (8 over Tls. 500), Tls. 15,850 for 1913 (all over Tls. 500) and approximately Tls. 75,000 for 1912 (9 over Tls. 500). It will be seen that there is a marked difference during 1916 to that of 1912.

I think the causes of fires, in the main, accounts for such a decrease. It will be noticed from the foregoing list of causes, that with the exception of one unknown, the cause of every fire has been accounted for, and was either accidental or unintentional. Whereas in 1912 there is little doubt that the majority of the fires were due to incendiary origin. It must be, however, allowed as regards this year that merchandise, in general, is in demand and there has been less inducement for the customary New Year's fires, but at the same time the earlier calls now received and the use of modern appliances allow the Brigade to deal much more expeditiously with fires than in the past, and these improvements have a strong bearing on the marked decrease of malicious fires.

The only fires of note during the month were:—

No. 7 East Hanbury Road, January 6, at 8.10 p.m.—On arrival the Brigade found the centre portion of the 1st floor of a two storey foreign godown in flames, the fire already through the roof and spreading rapidly over the whole floor. Jets were quickly directed through the windows and ladders were raised to the windows on the north and south sides and lines of hose taken into the upper windows. Covering jets were also placed on the south side to protect the Fr. Reiber Feather

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Cleaning Factory. Owing to the contents of the godown, which consisted of a large quantity of books and paper, it was some time before the fire was finally extinguished. The Brigade was handicapped by the premises being full of gas, a pipe on the 1st floor being broken allowing an escape of gas. The contents of the 1st floor were badly damaged and the centre portion of the roof destroyed, whilst the contents of the ground floor were water damaged.

Nos. 98-99 East Yuhang Road, January 29, at 6.12 p.m.—A telephone message summoned the Brigade to this fire and on arrival it was found the corner shops of East Yuhang Road and Hongkew Ka well alight and with a stiff breeze the flames quickly swept across to the wood fronted shops opposite and then down the alleyway on both sides. Unfortunately the nearest hydrant was not available being right against the premises on fire and the next nearest hydrant was some distance away in Wuchow Road. Consequently there was insufficient water to hold the fire, which was extremely fierce owing to the premises being wood fronted and containing quantities of such inflammable goods as fireworks, kerosene, joss paper, firewood, etc. A quantity of kerosene in tins was also on fire and flowed down the alleyway accelerating the spread of the fire. Owing to these facts and the paucity of hydrants in this district it was some two hours before the fire could be finally checked and to do so long lines of hose had to be run from the creekside, where two pumps were working from the creek, and also from the hydrants in Wuchow and East Hanbury Roads. A large coal and wood yard at the back of one of the rows of shops on fire also had to be protected. Eight houses were destroyed and five others damaged. At first it was feared that a boy aged 7 had lost his life in one of the shops on fire but afterwards it was found that he had escaped safely.

M. W. PETT,
Chief Officer.

RECORD OF CALLS.

Date	CALL		Alarm given	Locality	DISTRICT		Class of Building	Buildings Affected	TIME AT FIRE		REMARKS
	Time of	How received			Municipal	Fire			Brigade	Staff	
Jan. 2	5.24 p.m.	Hongkew Tower	Station	Boone Road	Northern	2	Chinese		35 minutes	2½ hours	
5	11.53 p.m.	Street Alarm	"	Honan and Canton Rds.	Central	4			5 "		False Alarm
6	8.10 p.m.	Hongkew Tower	Bell	7 E. Hanbury Road	Eastern	1	Foreign Godown	1 damaged	1½ hours	21 hours	
7	1.45 p.m.	Telephone	Station	24 Great Western Rd.	Western	7	Foreign		45 minutes		
11	11.40 p.m.	Central Tower	"	Kiukiang and Shantung Rds.	Gentral	4			10 "		False Alarm
13	7.30 p.m.	Central Police	Bell	250 Yang-sze-poo Road	Eastern	1	Chinese		30 "		
21	3.10 p.m.	Telephone	"	17 Yates Rd.	Western	7	Foreign		25 "	3 hours	
22	10.45 p.m.	Hongkew Police	Station	21 N. Sze-chuen Rd	Northern	2	"		20 "		
23	10.07 p.m.	Central Police	Bell	15 Jessifield Road	Western	7	"		35 "		
23	11.55 p.m.	Central Tower	"	off N. Thibet Road	Outside				1 hr. and 40 minutes	2 hours	
24	3.47 a.m.	Street Alarm	Station	1013 Markham Road	Western	7	Chinese		20 minutes		
25	12.52 p.m.	Telephone	"	1b Jinkee Rd.	Central	3	Foreign		10 "		
25	2.54 p.m.	Hongkew Police	"	Miller Road	Northern	2			15 "		Motor Car
25	9.06 p.m.	Hongkew Tower	"	off N. Honan Road	Outside				20 "		
27	12.54 p.m.	Sinza Police	"	183 Myburgh Road	Western	7	Chinese		20 "		
29	6.12 p.m.	Telephone	Bell	98-99 E. Yuhang Road	Eastern	1	"	8 destroyed 5 damaged	2 hours	24 hours	
29	8.19 p.m.	Telephone	Station	512 Kwangse Road	Central	5	"		10 minutes		

M. W. PETT, *Chief Officer.*

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for January.

Strength of the Force on Jan. 31.

Officers	6	
Foreigners	199	
Sikhs	560	
Chinese	1,222	
		1,987
Clerical and Teaching Staff	51	
Followers	191	
		242
	Total	2,229

Statistics for the first month of 1916 show crime as above the normal. This condition was not unexpected as perusal of previous reports will show, and the causes are not difficult to find. They may be placed in the following order of importance:—

(1) The recent attempt at a local rising has attracted a large number of bad characters to the port in the hope of obtaining employment similar to that given in 1913. In this they were disappointed and found themselves stranded with little or no funds at their disposal.

(2) Distress in the surrounding districts, especially Pootung, where a large proportion of the inhabitants were rendered destitute by the typhoon of 1915, and by the almost entire failure of the rice and cotton crops.

(3) The approach of the end of the Chinese year, when an increase of crime is always noticeable.

(4) The extraordinary apathy and cowardice displayed, not only by those actually preyed upon, but by witnesses in the streets.

(5) Failure to raise any alarm in order to give the Police an opportunity of rendering assistance

In anticipation of what was likely to occur, certain special arrangements, which need not be detailed here, were made in each district whereby Police would be in the vicinity of any threatened spot at the shortest possible notice, and in every case where an alarm has been raised within a reasonable time after the commission of the crime, or where the offenders have been followed by those affected until a policeman is met, arrests have invariably been made and the gangs concerned have been quickly broken up. It is, however, disappointing in the extreme to the Police to find that bad characters can effect an entrance to a shop or house, sometimes full of grown men, hold up the inmates, obtain what valuables happen to be handy, and decamp unscathed, without any alarm being raised for a considerable period, and while probably several armed policemen are in the immediate neighbourhood as unaware of what has taken place as the neighbours. It is perhaps too much to expect a person to take any actual steps while looking down the barrel of a pistol, but there is every reason to count upon an alarm being raised immediately danger is removed. Promptitude is of the utmost importance in such cases as the robbers

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depend for success on rapidity and silence, and are seldom occupied in their business for more than a few minutes.

When, however, the Police are successful in arresting robbers red-handed it is essential that they should be dealt with as severely as possible. A recent Presidential Mandate laid down the punishment of death for those caught robbing under arms, and it is to be recorded with regret that a case during the month was dealt with in what is considered a lenient manner. One man who was caught in the act, chased for a considerable distance and eventually captured, and who at the time endeavoured to shoot one of his pursuers and actually wounded him in the hand, was only sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the Municipal Gaol.

During the month there were 31 armed robberies to be recorded as against six for the same month of 1915. The majority of these cases, however, were of a very petty nature, although in each case arms were used to intimidate the occupants of the shops or houses concerned. The Police were successful in making 48 arrests. Of these 20 persons have been charged and convicted of robbery, and at the end of the month 28 were under remand and awaiting trial. Of the 20 convicted, 17 resided at places outside Settlement limits while 3 had no fixed place of abode. Four had previous convictions recorded against them while 16 were charged for the first time. Fifteen of the number were natives of Kiangpeh, one was a native of Shanghai, one hailed from Shantung, another from Anwhui, another from Soochow and another from Honan. Seven robbers who were wanted by the Chinese Authorities for offences committed at Woosieh were handed over on January 6. In order to show the growth of this class of crime the following figures are quoted, but it should be understood that during February and March 1915 there were 20 armed robberies in each month, making a total of 40, and when the years 1914 and 1915 are compared as a whole it is noted that there were 98 armed robberies in the former year as against 109 in the latter :—

Month	Oct.'13 to Jan.'14		Oct.'14 to Jan.'15		Oct.'15 to Jan.'16	
	Armed Robberies	Robbers arrested.	Armed Robberies	Robbers arrested.	Armed Robberies	Robbers arrested.
October	6	2	11	1	2	10
November	5	12	10	1	16	1
December	5	4	11	10	19	4
January	11	4	6	—	31	41
Total	27	22	38	12	68	56

The number of larcenies stands at 475 for January 1916 as against 438 for the previous year. Enquiries were made with successful results in 163 cases.

There was one murder to record. A Chinese Government detective, who had installed himself in the Settlement with an ex-officer of the Revolutionary Army who acted as his servant, was murdered in his house on Cemetery Roads on the night of January 29. The servant, who has disappeared, is suspected of having committed the crime and is now being sought for.

A Police Box has been installed at Jessfield at the junction of Brenan-Jessfield and Robison Roads, and was taken into use on January 21. It will be of assistance to the Police in communicating rapidly with Bubbling Well Station which is situated at a considerable distance.

Identification Office.—During the month 592 prisoners' records passed through this office for identification prior to the prisoners going to Court for trial, out of which number 196 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 211 records were received from the French Police out of which number 104 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month :—

For identification	803	
Identified	300	
Percentage	37	
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" only		3
Deportees re-arrested and charged with "returning" and other offences		38
		41

Men previously released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence, 4.

The prisoners who have been arrested during the month are classified as follows :—

289 *First offenders* (minor).—Larcenies, assault, etc.
107 *First offenders* (serious).—Fraud, burglaries, etc.
69 *Second offenders.*
36 *Third offenders.*
45 *Habitual offenders* (minor).
46 *Habitual offenders* (serious).

592

Return of Convict Labour for January.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 291.55
Less. Goggles, hammer handles, repairs, etc.	48.90
Total	Tls. 242.65
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	983.21
Less. Cost of raw material, etc.	571.13
Total	Tls. 412.08
Grand Total earned by Convict Labour	Tls. 654.73

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicle licences suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

K. J. McEuen,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against the person :—*

Assault	10
Causing grevious bodily harm	1
Suicide, attempted	1

3.—*Offences of a Public Nature :—*
Breach of Municipal Bye-laws and Regulations :—

Fire-arms	1
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc.	6
Fighting and Creating a Disturbance	1
Being an undesirable	1
In possession of opium and a revolver	1
Storing dangerous materials	1
Total	23

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, hawkers, rag-pickers, etc.		2,576	2,576
Others	38	698	736
Total	38	3,274	3,312

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Cautioned	3
Dismissed	3
Fined	10
Imprisonment	3
Imprisonment and Fined	2
Remanded	2
Total	28

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY
on January 31.

Central Station	6
Louza Station	39
Hongkew Station	9
Harbin Road Station	10
West Hongkew Station	12
Wayside Station	8
Yangtszepoo Station	4
Sinza Station	18
Bubbling Well Station	1
Gordon Road Station	3
Gaol	1,490
Total	1,600

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VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	267	167
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	267	167

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN January 1 and January 28.

	Dollars
Stolen	70,357.26
Recovered	31,814 60

DOGS.

At Kennels on Dec 31, 15	23	190
Captured	167	
Returned	24	190
Killed	148	
At Observation Kennels	—	
Remaining at Kennels	18	

Health Officer's Report for January.

With the exception of a few mild cases of Diphtheria and a small outbreak of Scarlet Fever in connxion with an overcrowded boarding house the Public Health continued remarkably good. There were no cases of Small-pox in Shanghai though two foreign cases were introduced from Tsinanfu. Plague infection among rats continues practically absent, one infected rat only being discovered during the month among 1,193 examined.

The shortage of cattle for the meat supply still continues, due apparently to the demand from the International Meat Co. at Nanking, which exports meat and game in very large quantities.

As a result of measures taken for getting better control of street hawkers on account of the danger they occasion especially during the summer by the sale of infected food 1,081 paid the license fee of $2 during the month. It is intended by this means to eliminate the beggar hawkers who more frequently sell dangerous food, and later to refuse licenses for certain foods which are specially dangerous. For a similar reason it is proposed to require fruit shops to pay a license fee.

Here follow tables of Vital Statistics, Infectious Diseases and Outdoor Sanitary work, including a special summary of Plague Prevention, work done in the Municipal Laboratory, Municipal Hospitals and Slaughter-house.

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

DEATHS.

	Foreign. Resident	Foreign. Non-resident.	Chinese.
Typhoid Fever	1	0	—
Diphtheria	0	0	2
Scarlet Fever	0	1	7
Tuberculosis	7	1	85
Beri-beri	1	1	3
Dysentery	0	0	1
From all causes	27	8	607

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED AMONG FOREIGN RESIDENT POPULATION.

Typhoid Fever	3
Diphtheria	8
Scarlet Fever	7
Tuberculosis	2
Dysentery	6

ISOLATION HOSPITALS.

		Foreign	Chinese
Cases Admitted—	Small-pox	2	0
	Diphtheria	8	2
	Scarlet Fever	7	2
	Other Diseases	12	54
Discharged		18	49
Died		1	1
Remaining last day of month		19	35

MUNICIPAL LABORATORY.

Small-pox vaccine issued	665
Cases undergoing anti-rabic treatment	4
Bacteriological examinations	417
Analyses	49

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

	Cases admitted.	Nursed outside
Medical	23	3
Surgical	28	0
Maternity	9	3
Mental	3	0
Total	63	6

SLAUGHTER-HOUSE RETURNS.

	Slaughtered.	Rejected at Slaughter-house.	Passed for Slaughter from Cattle-sheds.	Passed for Export from Cattle-sheds.	Rejected at Cattle-sheds.
Oxen	1221	5	1221	0	0
Sheep	2531	1	2531	0	0
Calves	334	0	334	0	0
Pigs	265	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY OF PLAGUE PREVENTION WORK

	District Central	Northern	Eastern	Western	Total.
Rats found dead and brought to the Laboratory for examination	278	559	155	201	1193
Rats plague infected	0	1	0	0	
Human plague cases	0	0	0	0	0
No. of traps in operation	3200	3200	2500	1400	10300
No. of rats trapped and burnt	4077	4348	3322	2290	14037
Poisoned baits laid	170800	171600	97200	75600	515200
Houses temporarily rat-proofed and disinfected under notice to occupier	0	150	0	0	150
Houses rat-proofed under notice to owner	1	260	6	0	267
Persons vaccinated against plague	0	0	0	0	0

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

	District Central	Northern	Eastern	Western	Total.
Vaccination against small-pox	94	82	76	102	354
Enquiries after notification of Foreign cases of infectious disease	1	13	16	3	33
Enquiries after notification of Chinese cases of, and deaths from, infectious disease	16	42	45	13	116
Rooms disinfected after infectious disease	106	1,351	156	247	1,860
Articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected by steam	2,308	5,694	2,082	1,756	11,840
Houses cleansed and limewashed	17	285	103	65	470
Ventilation and lighting amended	0	0	0	0	0
Defective drainage amended	20	39	30	30	119
Insanitary wells abolished	0	0	0	0	0
Proper water supply provided	0	0	0	0	0
Insanitary latrines and urinals rendered healthy	13	3	0	3	19
Ordure pits and kongs abolished	0	0	4	1	5
Exposed coffined corpses removed and buried	0	19	17	1	37
Smoke nuisances suppressed	0	14	0	2	16
Offensive trade processes amended	0	0	0	0	0
Beggar-boats removed	0	0	15	0	15
Complaints of insanitary conditions received from the Public	11	10	3	6	30
Insanitary conditions reported by the Health Office.	42	95	90	42	269
Written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	0	10	2	2	14
Second written intimations issued for sanitary amendment	0	0	0	1	1
Notices of intention to proceed served	0	0	1	0	1
Samples taken for analysis	0	8	17	12	37
Pounds of unsound food destroyed	150	715	595	1,130	2,590
Food prosecutions	33	41	1	0	75
House refuse prosecutions	16	40	40	8	104
Laundry and other prosecutions	0	2	6	1	9
Tons of ordure removed	1,680	2,453	2,420	1,448	8,001
Tons of house refuse removed	6,009	3,290	2,407	1,457	13,163
Cement refuse receptacles erected	1	5	9	5	20
Hawkers licensed	253	263	319	246	1081

MILK FROM LICENSED DAIRIES EXAMINED IN THE LABORATORY AND FOUND ADULTERATED, ETC.

Dairy	Licensee	Situation	Adulteration, etc.
Yuen Sung	Li Yuen Sung	F. 1789 Bubbling Well Road	14.1% added water

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.
2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.
3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.
4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.
5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.
6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本局承辦事件由英文開列於下

二 所有承攬價目是極有不合用之價值者必准承攬人自行送交本局審查

三 鄉之保證人到局具保證書並繳納保證金

四 所有承攬各人之信及承攬人之公司牌號伸知悉

五 本局必將其餘數在此登入本局公開明清單若須付登報費者須自負

六 所有承攬人之信封上必注明工料等項並於信內寫明承攬項目以便投入信匭內

所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

清單費

信送來前以此次概見交既

二部局辦盡在定期十三號信

滬寧江路二十工

滬送至四等物

明瞭所之餘仍將該款一律遵照

本局必將其餘數在此登入本局公開明清單若須付登報費者須自負

付知悉

TENDERS INVITED

No.	Description	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders
	VOLUNTEER CORPS		
	Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Headquarters, 15 Canton Road		
1	200 Bandoliers	—	February 29
2	200 Waterbottles	—	"
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		
	Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund		
	Annual Contracts		
307	Supply of various Hardwoods	—	February 21
308	Supply of Turf	—	
309	Wheeling Materials	—	
310	Raising Land and Roads	—	
311	Barging Road Detritus	—	
312	Transport of Material from Pingchiao Quarry	—	
313	Supply of Flower Pots	—	
314	Construction of Private Drains	—	
315	Supply of Oregon Pine	—	
316	Supply of Foochow Poles	—	
317	Supply of Bamboo Ware	—	
318	Supply of Road and Building Materials	—	
319	Supply of Petrol and various Oils	—	
320	Supply of Iron and Brass Castings	—	
321	Supply of Motor Car Tyres	—	
322	Construction of a Wooden Bridge across the Soochow Creek at Markham Road	—	February 28
323	Furniture and Fittings at the Thomas Hanbury School for Boys	—	February 24
324	Painting Garden Bridge	—	March 6
325	Painting Chekiang Road Bridge	—	March 6

TENDERS RECEIVED

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT

Tender No. 143

160 Straight-through Cast Iron Joint Boxes

Tai Chong		Tls. 118,720
Kong Yie Engine Works		118,080
Tuck Tai		6,800
*Kien Cheong	(amended tender)	5,300

*Accepted

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